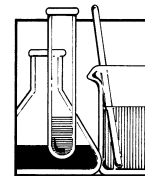


## MICHIGAN GROUNDWATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DRINKING WATER WELL TESTING PROGRAM

Bad Axe, Michigan

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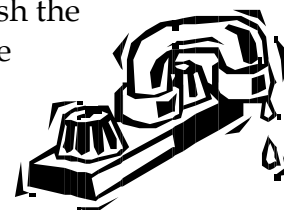


**T**he Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) will conduct a free drinking water well screening for nitrate and triazines (atrazine, simazine, etc.) Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at the USDA Service Center, 1460 S. Van Dyke in Bad Axe. Educational materials and information on groundwater stewardship will also be available.

*This service is for private drinking water wells only. Public water supplies are tested regularly. Please do **not** bring in samples from public water supplies or non-drinking water samples.*

To have your drinking water well tested, follow the instructions provided below and bring the sample with you to the Bad Axe water screening.

Collect the sample no more than 1 day before you will drop it off. To collect the sample, first pick a tap that is *not* connected to any water treatment devices (such as a water softener or carbon filter). An outside faucet often works well. Then, run the water for 10 to 15 minutes, to flush the pipes and to make sure you are collecting a representative sample. Fill the bottle completely. Be careful not to touch the inside of the cap. Then cap the sample and refrigerate it, or keep it dark and on ice, until it is delivered to the USDA Service Center on April 20.



The results from your water sample will be strictly confidential. You will be mailed a copy of your results and information about what you should do if the concentration of nitrate is too high or if triazines are detected in the sample.

Please fill out the Sample Information Sheet on the other side of this sheet as thoroughly as possible and bring it with your water sample on April 20. **We need a complete mailing address to get your results back to you.** You can get more information from the groundwater technician at the Huron Conservation District, 989-269-9540 ext 3, or by calling Bob Pigg, MDA, at (517) 373-6893.

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